

round the Church of Bom Jesus. The arrangements to-day were much better than yesterday; the Patriarch Archbishop himself superintending the veneration by the people, who were introduced by their respective Bishops. The arrangements for the wants of visitors and pilgrims are of the poorest description, and unequal to meet emergencies. There is an altar stand of nails. The steatite launch arrangements between Marrajo and Old Goa are very unsatisfactory, and the pilgrims are much harassed. The Governor of Pondicherry arrived this evening, and received the honours due to his rank. He is the guest of the Governor-General of Goa at Panjim during his stay. Mr Nicholas of Madras photographed the shrine and catanufale to-day.

PRINCIPALLY GIFT FOR THE IMPERIAL
INSTITUTE.

hairs of Jeyports to Colonel Pringle on account of his approaching departure to Kashmir, the latter, amounting to £200,000, has been given a donation of £20,000 to the Imperial Institute, which the Prince of Wales had graciously accepted.

A group of 218 Calcutta Nizam officers, with a unit of twenty officers, will be the guest of the Nizam from the 20th to the 31st of December, while visiting the career of Ellora and Ajanta.

SEARCHED VOLUNTEER COMPANY.
Calcutta, Dec. 20.—The Calcutta Volunteer Rifles, has issued a notice asking Calcutta Scotchmen to form a Company to be attached administratively to the Battalion of Calcutta Volunteer Rifles. The notice says that the Government are attempting to reconstitute a Company which from the strongest Company in the Battalion has dwindled down to three men.

FAILURE OF A BOMBAY FIRM.
Bombay, Dec. 20.—The firm of Messrs. Benn, Ashley and Company suspended payment yesterday. As the successors of

which took over the business of Messrs. Cardwell, Parsons, and Company, and Messrs. Grey and Company, they represented a very old business in this city. The suspension is regretted by the community generally.

REMOVING FROM BURMA CONTRADICTIONED.
Alibabad, December 4th.—The recent statement that the Government were removing the Government of Burma, that trouble is brewing in Burma, are believed to have no foundation whatever. Reports from all the Districts show an entire absence of serious crime or disorder.

WRESTLING.
Calcutta, December 7th.—Yesterday's races were very successful and went off without a hitch. Although in the Hurdle Race two horses fell, neither horses nor riders were seriously injured.

A STRIKE AT CALCUTTA.
The whole crowd of operatives employed at the Kankarrah jute mill are on strike, and the mill is closed, the managers being threatened with the unreasonable demand of the operatives.

B. nity, Dec. 5th. The Bombay Gazette has a very favorable article on Lord Comynara's administration, in the course of which it says that a resolute and self-deny- ing determination first to do everything for himself and then to know the necessity and the problems of administration which it presented, counted for much among the causes of his success. His predecessor, Mr. Dalrymple, having been "up at Ootacamund, and there cultivating his garden," had shown "what a curse a life of idleness if intellectual self-indulgence might be." That way of fulfilling the duties of Government Lord Comynara had never followed. He was ever running round the villages in the Neighbourhood to the heat of the plains when public interests called him, the Gazette says that the world will look with some- thing like charity upon the things farther off than he runs round. It also remarks well the manifold proofs in his Indian career that here at all events he was no Sybarite, but exhibited a self-devotion

may bow.

COBRA AS A CURB FOR COBRA POISON.

The *Statesman* publishes a long letter from Dr Mueller, of Victoria, on the erythrinae poison for cobra bites. The Doctor is willing to submit his procedure to any test and is convinced that his experiments demonstrate the curbing effect of his theory. Unlike cobra poison, which acts on altogether different principles from that of Australian snakes, which the British Indian authorities deny, its defeat by erythrinae and a very considerable reduction of yearly victims is merely a question of time.

A FASHIONABLE MARRIAGE.

Calcutta, Dec. 3rd. — Yesterday afternoon Miss Bayley, daughter of Sir Stewart Bayley, of the Bengal Civil Service, was married to Mr Gladstone, a younger son of the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, the Liberator. Her father gave the bride away, and Mr Arthur Gladstone, the brother of the bridegroom, was the best man.

Quotations.

HONGKONG, December 27,

OPIMUM

"	New Patna, cash....	—
"	" Old " cash....	467½
"	" New Benares, cash....	472½
"	" Old " cash....	472½
"	" New Malwa cash....	500 —
"	Allowance, Teels	15/32
"	Old Malwa, cash....	510/500
"	Allowance, Teels	18/40
"	Persian, Oily, cash....	500/450
"	Allowance, Teels	32/48
"	Persian, Paper tied....	475/500
"	Allowance, Teels	30/95

Exchange.

HONGKONG, December 27,

In London.—

Bank, Wire	3/4½
" Demand	3/4½
" 30 days' sight,	—
" 4 months' sight, ...	3/6½
Credit, 4 "	3/6½
Documentary, 4 months' sight,	3/6

Credit, 4 months' sight, ...	4.39
On Demand, ...	4.38
New York—	
On demand, ...	823
On demand, ...	842
Credit, 60 days' sight, ...	84
Bombay—	
Wire, ...	222
On demand, ...	222
Calcutta—	
Wire, ...	222
On demand, ...	222
Shanghai—	
On demand, ...	721
30 days' sight, private paper, ...	723
Gold, 100 fine, ...	8.80 p, tael
overland (Bank's buying rate) 5.80	

Temperature.
*(Taken at Messrs Falconer & Co.'s
 Premises, Queen's Road.)*

BAROMETER — 31.1 mm. —	23.69
WIND —	

Do.	4 P.M.	—
Do.	1 P.M.	68
Do.	4 P.M.	70
Do.	(Wet bulb) 0 A.M.	66
Do.	Do. 1 P.M.	67
Do.	Do. 4 P.M.	—
Do.	Maximum	70
Do.	Minimum over night	67

